

Working with the business community and other traditional foes of labor were part of her strategic arsenal when that approach “made sense” to accomplish the goals of working people.

With an advanced degree in industrial hygiene from the Harvard School of Public Health, she served as a trusted advisor to almost every Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA—Democrat and Republican—over the last 40 years.

Finally, she understood the role that worker empowerment and labor unions play in ensuring the safety of working women and men.

“Let’s call Peg” was the first thing out of the mouth of generations of members of Congress and congressional staff. She testified before numerous congressional committees and provided valuable information and advice to lawmakers on every budget, every piece of legislation designed to strengthen worker protections, and every response to legislative efforts to weaken or dismantle OSHA, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Madam Speaker, there are men and women across the county who are alive today because of her work. They may not know who she is. She will not receive their gratitude. But they owe their health, their limbs and their lives to the work she has done over 42 year long career. I thank Peg for all that she has done for America’s workers.

HONORING KYLEE STROUGH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kylee Strough. Kylee is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Workplace Leadership Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA’s prestigious Women of Excellence.

Kylee is the President of St. Joseph’s United Way, which is an organization whose sole purpose is to improve the lives of those living in the St. Joseph community. Under Kylee’s leadership, the United Way of St. Joseph is ranked No. 27 out of 1100 United Ways nationwide in per capita giving. Kylee is a fixture in St. Joseph where she serves on boards, committees and throughout the community. For Kylee, it’s abundantly clear that “Live United” isn’t merely a slogan used for public relations for the United Way, but a maxim she truly lives and believes in.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Kylee Strough for being honored as the Workplace Leadership Award winner by the St. Joseph YWCA through serving St. Joseph, the state of Missouri and the Sixth Congressional District. I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress.

HONORING THE CENTRAL
APPALACHIA HEALTH WAGON

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Central Appalachia Health Wagon’s 20th annual Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition clinic, taking place from June 28 to June 30. Since 1980, the Health Wagon has provided a wide range of free mobile health services to medically underserved areas in Southwest Virginia.

Central Appalachia Health Wagon has partnered extensively with the Remote Area Medical since 1998, which was founded by the late Stan Brock. Today, it continues to serve as the largest health outreach of its kind in the United States and has been providing care to Southwest Virginia and the surrounding region for over 19 years.

In 2017 alone, the Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition provided free dental, medical, and eye care to over 3,000 patients, administering \$1.4 million in value of medical care to uninsured and underinsured Southwest Virginians. The poverty rate among the population served by the Health Wagon is 70 percent to 140 percent higher than in the rest of Virginia; by delivering health care services to those most in need; the Health Wagon has played a vital role in addressing the substantial health care disparities in the region.

I am proud to honor the Central Appalachia Health Wagon and its Remote Area Medical Wise Expedition clinic in its 20th year of service, and to recognize the doctors, nurses, dentists, and volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to serving the people of Southwest Virginia.

JOB CORPS CIVILIAN
CONSERVATION CENTERS

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, there were a number of concerns raised about Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (CCC) during debate over my amendment to the LHHS Appropriations bill, and I would like to respond to those directly.

Contrary to the assertion that the transfer of operations of all U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Job Corps CCCs to the Department of Labor (DOL) will “allow more students to engage with the program,” this move would have forced the immediate closure of nine centers across eight states, quite literally closing off DOL’s ability to serve thousands of at-risk youth across the country, while also negatively impacting the rural communities these CCCs are built around and reducing the Forest Service’s capacity as both wildfire and hurricane seasons get underway.

During debate, it was also asserted that CCCs produce “phenomenally bad results.” Of the nine centers that were slated for closure, seven of them were in top half of Job Corps centers for Performance Year 2017, the most

recent program year data is available for. In the state of North Carolina, where at least two CCCs were slated for closure, the Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, and the Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center rank 76th, 18th, and 4th respectively out of all 126 Job Corps sites. Schenck finished Program Year 2017 as the country’s top performing Job Corps center. While not a CCC, the Kittrell Job Corps Center currently ranks sixth overall, meaning North Carolina has three of the top 20 Job Corps centers.

Concerns over the safety and security of Job Corps sites were also consistently mentioned. In highlighting these concerns, no distinction was made between CCCs and regular Job Corps sites. In Program Year 2017, CCCs served more than 14 percent of Job Corps’ total residential students and accounted for 13.5 percent of total reported incidents of violence at Job Corps centers across the country. This clearly shows that CCCs are not disproportionately violent compared to other Job Corps centers. It is important to note that the high-profile crimes that occurred several years ago did not occur on a Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center site.

As was testified at a hearing last Congress, the reality is that the mortality rate for Job Corps center students in recent program years was about 4.7 per 100,000. The national mortality rate for individuals ages 16 to 24 during that same time period was 70.88 per 100,000, more than 15 times higher. Students at Job Corps centers are also 19 times less likely to die of a drug overdose than youth their age outside of the program.

That being said, I agree that we must do everything we can to minimize violence at Job Corps centers. In the wake of tragic events in 2015, the National Job Corps Association (NJCA) submitted policy recommendations to DOL in order to improve safety and security. Some of these recommendations have been implemented while others have not. I believe Congress can work together to ensure that CCCs maximize safety while recruiting and retaining a high number of students.

Thankfully, the Trump Administration reversed its decision to end the CCC program. CCCs are an important part of the Forest Service’s mission, they play an essential role in the health and safety of Oregon’s forests, and they provide critical opportunities for at-risk youth. I will continue to push back against any future attacks and look forward to working with those who want to further strengthen this successful program.

HONORING CAROL MEYERS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 24, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Carol Meyers. Carol is a very special woman and leader who is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Volunteerism Award as a part of the St. Joseph YWCA’s prestigious Women of Excellence.

Carol is a sterling example of dedication to not only St. Joseph, but to the state of Missouri as well. The lives she has touched, the